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Hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Center Processing Fees

This bulletin is a reminder to providers that processing fees related to coordinating a beneficiary's treatment at a surgery center, such as any reimbursements for scheduling the surgery center and/or an anesthesiologist, transporting equipment, and set-up/break-down are always included in the procedure fees. Therefore, it is against the law for providers to separately bill these processing fees to either Denti-Cal or to beneficiaries pursuant to Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 51470 (d).

The Manual of Criteria for Procedure D9420 states:

PROCEDURE D9420 HOSPITAL OR AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER CALL

1. The operative report for payment – shall include the total time in the operating room or ambulatory surgical center.
2. A benefit for each hour or fraction thereof as documented on the operative report.
3. Not a benefit:
 - a. for an assistant surgeon.
 - b. for time spent compiling the patient history, writing reports or for post-operative or follow up visits.

Processing, transportation and set up fees are included in the fee for D9420

If you have any questions, please call the Denti-Cal Provider Service line at 800-423-0507.